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LONDON TEHRAN FROM AMMAN 18 JUL 73 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, JO, YE  
SUBJECT: EMERGENCY ARMS SUPPLY TO YAR

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1. KING IS JUST BACK FROM IRAN/GREAT BRITAIN TRIP AND  
BUBBLING OVER WITH DESIRE GET MORE ACTIVELY INTO GULF.  
HE HAS TAKEN OVER YEMEN PROBLEM.
2. HE AND I HAD A GO-AROUND ON PAYMENT. I TOLD HIM, AS  
I HAD EARLIER TOLD CROWN PRINCE TWICE, THAT YEMEN READY  
TO PAY FOR MILITARY SUPPLIES FROM US AND JORDAN.

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YEMEN, IN TURN, WILL SEEK FUNDS FROM ABU DHABI AND IT IS

OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ABU DHABI IS QUITE WILLING TO PUT UP CASH FOR THESE RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE PROGRAMS. KING SAID THAT WAS NOT THE WAY JORDAN DOES THINGS. YEMEN IS POOR AND WOULD MAKE JORDAN LOOK GRASPING IF IT ASKED FOR MONEY. I TOLD HIM THAT THERE WAS NO WAY FOR USG TO RELACE AMMO JORDAN SENT TO YEMEN EXCEPT THROUGH FMS ROUTE, WHICH WOULD MEAN JORDAN HAD TO PAY CASH. HE REPLIED THAT THIS WAS A MISTAKE. USG SHOULD REALIZE THAT JORDAN IS PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN YEMEN AND IN GULF, WHICH IS IN INTEREST OF US AND WEST, AND THAT JORDAN SHOULD BE ABLE RESPOND QUICKLY AND AFFIRMATIVELY TO REQUESTS FOR HELP. THIS ESSENTIALLY MEANT THAT USG SHOULD PROMPTLY REPLACE ITEMS SUPPLIED BY JORDAN AND ON A GRATIS BASIS. I TOLD HIM AGAIN THAT USG HAD NOT ENTERED INTO SUCH AN OPEN-ENDED AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN AND THAT I DOUBTED IT COULD BE FUNDED. I THEN TOLD KING-- PROBABLY A MISTAKE, GIVEN REFTEL--THAT HE SHOULD CONSIDER AN ALTERNATIVE: GIVE YEMENIS A SMALL SHIPMENT OF ABSOLUTELY SURPLUS ITEMS AND THEN BILL THEM FOR LARGER SHIPMENT OF ITEMS WHICH WOULD NEED REPLACEMENT. WHILE HE SAID HE WOULD THINK ABOUT THIS, I DOUBT HE WILL ACCEPT THE IDEA.

3. IN A MORE RESTRICTED CABLE I WILL TALK ABOUT KING'S PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITION AS I SEE IT AFTER HIS RECENT TRIP. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT HE WAS STEAMED UP B BOTH SHAH AND BRITISH OFFICIALDOM.

4. I KNOW THAT KING'S PROPOSAL WILL MAKE JORDANIAN MILITARY UHAPPY. THEY WILL SEE THEIR WAR RESERVES DWINDLING AWAY WITH NO SURE REPLACEMENT. THEY UNDERSTAND MONEY PROBLEMS AND HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO SPARE CASH AROUND TO MAKE GOOD ON THIS GENEROUS OFFER.

5. WE PROBABLY HAVE A LITTLE TIME ON THIS ONE. AS I REPORTED EARLIER, NO JORDANIAN TRANSPORT PLANES ARE FLYING. SHIPMENT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY SEA AND THIS WILL REQUIRE CHARTER OF SHIP, ASSEMBLING OF MATERIEL, AND SHIPMENT TO AQABA BY TRUCK.

6. IN MEANTIME, I WILL GO TO CROWN PRINCE WITH REFTEL IN HAND. DEPARTMENT/DOD SHOULD GIVE ME SOME RATHER FIRM  
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INSTRUCTIONS. IF THEY ARE WHAT I IMAGINE THEY WILL BE, THEY WILL MAKE KING VERY UNHAPPY BUT SOME OF HIS MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF JUST HOW FAR WE ARE WILLING AND ABLE TO GO NEED TO BE CORRECTED.  
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